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AOPA President, John L. Baker, To Speak At Awards Banquet



JOHN L. BAKER AOPA PRESIDENT

Blue Angels
To Perform
At Anderson

John L. Baker, president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association (AOPA) will be the featured speaker at this year's Aviation Safety Week Awards Banquet.

The banquet will be Thursday, April 19 at the Thunderbird Inn near the Greenville Downtown Airport beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the buffet dinner are \$5.50 per person and will be on sale at the door.

Awards for the Mechanic of the Year and Flight Instructor of the Year will be presented, as well as awards to the winners of the accuracy landing contests. Baker is expected to discuss the latest FAA proposal to restrict general aviation airspace and the AOPA's efforts to modify the plan.

In last month's newsletter, it was reported that the banquet would be in Anderson, April 20, but these plans were changed because of a schedule conflict. Also the safety meeting and listening session that was to be held in Charleston April 12 has been cancelled. Phillip Swatek, Southern Region Director of the FAA, was to have been present to answer questions but he is leaving his post soon.

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April 12th Safety Meeting, Listening Session Is Gancelled

An Air Show, featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, will be held Saturday, April 21 at the Anderson County Airport beginning at 10 a.m.

The show is sponsored by the Hejaz Shrine Air Squadron and the \$2 admission will go to the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Beginning at 10 a.m. bands, including the Navy Imperial Country Band, will perform and the Hejaz Squares will demonstrate square dance steps.

At 12 noon, the air show begins with Russ Appleton, of Columbia, in his Bellanca. Also performing will be a Pitts Special, six EAA aircraft and the Navy Shooting Stars Parachute Team. The show will conclude with the aerial performance by the Blue Angels.

People flying to the show should plan to arrive before 12 noon. The airport will close transient traffic at noon. During the show, airspace will be restricted up to 5,000 feet vertically and 1,500 feet horizontally from the main runway. Sandwiches, hot dogs and cokes will be available during the show. The show should end about 3 p.m.